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October 30, 2000

Dolly Potter, Environmental Engineer Solvay Minerals P.O. Box 1167 Green River, WY 82935

RE: Solvay Minerals Green River Soda Ash Plant

Startup

Dear Ms. Potter:

The Division has reviewed your letter dated 10/23/00 reporting on the commissioning and startup of the expansion equipment permitted under CT-1347. Major equipment design problems were encountered during the first few weeks of attempting to run the "D" Calciner (AQD #80) and "D" Dryer (AQD #82). These units and associated equipment have been shut down since the first week of October and will continue to be down until December 2000. In establishing a startup date for the purposes of compliance testing, Solvay anticipates startup in December of 2000.

The Division concurs that actual startup of the unit has not begun because of the major mechanical problems encountered thus far. The Division will expect actual startup to be in December 2000 and for documentation from Solvay stating the actual startup date.

Please call me at 307-777-7391 if you have questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Olson Administrator

Air Quality Division

cc: T. Hoyt